GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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OUTLAY IN BUDGET
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is decrease in the projected passenger earnings from Rs.14,200 crores in the interim budget to Rs.13,940 crores due to growing competition from domestic air travel which is becoming cheaper;

(b) if so, the steps taken by the Railways to bridge this gap;

(c): whether the Railways has to resort to market borrowing of Rs. 3,400 crores to meet the outlay of Rs.14,898 crores for the year; and

(d): if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a): No, Sir.

(b) : Does not arise.

(c) & (d): The net plan outlay for 2004-05 has been fixed at Rs.14,498 crore and not Rs.14,898 crore. This includes Rs.3,400 crore to be financed through Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC) for procurement of rolling stock. Part financing of the Railway Plan through market borrowings from IRFC, which has been an integral part of Railway`s Annual Plan for the past several years, is need based and depends on procurement of rolling stock planned in a financial year.

The details of items of rolling stock planned to be procured through IRFC Bonds during 2004-05 are given in this year`s Budget document named Works, Machinery & Rolling Stock Programme, Part-II`.